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Dear Hal:

I put together a number of articles which have appeared in the different JFK journals and am enclosing them with this letter. I'll comment on a few of them but most are self-explanatory.

First, there is the "History America Tours" information they recently sent me regarding the Dallas symposium in April, 2000. You will recall that, at first, I expressed a desire to go but I then came to realize the expense of going and staying is far too prohibitive for me to attend and so I am definitely not going. I think your judgement that the high cost will virtually eliminate any serious researchers from attending and it will be solely a tourist excursion. So be it but, at least, we'll have to see what transpires and who will report on it.

Next, I'm enclosing the Lancer publication of my article, "I Led One Life" (which I sent many months ago in my own typed version. The Lancer group was the only journal publishing it with the 3 other major journals turning it down. I should note that they did edit and leave out a good part of my original typed version but that had to do with how I explained how a rumor gets started and finished up plus

Lancer left out my arguments about the backyard photos being real and not faked. I can understand why Lancer did have to leave part of my original version out because in the form they did print it ran a total of 9 pages and that is quite a bit.

Third in the list of articles I'm enclosing is a good article by Doug Salles on the first shot evidence. He's done good work in the past and this is another fine example. Where Doug and I differ only is that he believes the neck shot was from behind the limo + not from the knoll area as you probably are aware. However, Doug does not indicate in his article that the first shot did come from behind so the reader would not know his thinking on this.

The next article is one I did for the "Fourth Decade" in its latest issue (Jan., 2000). I titled it "Livingstone's Creation Science and the Zapruder Film". Since its publication I have received 4 responses, two in the form of letters and 2 phone calls. Three of these 4 responses were favorable towards my position and the lone dissenter was volubly against my position (he called my phone + left a message). This lone dissenter will not surprise you as it was none other than David Lifton himself!

I wish I had been there when Lifton had called because some of the things he said were so far out of line it was as if he were calling from another planet! Let me, as briefly as I can, tell you what he said on the phone. He said I'm "unable" to get out of the "Mark Lane box". By this he meant that Mark Lane's thesis was that the government and its investigators lied (here he's referring obviously to the Warren Commission, the FBI, etc., etc.). Can't I realize, he said, that these people were fooled (just as the researchers have been)

because the evidence was altered (JFK's body, the Zapruder film, etc). He said it was pretty "pathetic" on my part to write & try to debunk Livingstone's alteration thesis. And so it is because I'm "old radical" who can only see the government & its investigators being fooled with people like myself being taken in. He said he thought that I would've grown "older and wiser" by now but I haven't.

Lifton said he disagreed with my observation that it was Zapruder most likely who stopped very briefly in filming which was about frame ~~Z-133 & Z-134~~. Lifton's rebuttal = he said he had spoken with someone around 1970 (not identified by him) & this individual said the limousine stopped. Is it possible that had I been on the phone responding to his argument I would've immediately stated "Oh, gosh, Dave, I see the errors of my ways and thinking" and jumped on his band-wagon. (It is my belief that Dave really does believe his alteration nonsense to be held very strongly by the research community and that I'm just a "lone wolf" out there who can't go along with what everyone else "knows" for sure. I can tell by how he argues).

Lifton totally ignored my comments about Livingstone not only stating that the limo definitely stopped at Z133-134 but his insistence that shots (plural) were fired & missed! Some marksmen! Indeed. And the President still waving some 50 frames thereafter & the Secret Service not reacting! (Of course, Dave will ~~CAVE~~ counter with the argument that the

Secret Service was involved in the murder beforehand so that would explain their non-reaction. Many, many years ago Dave personally told me that he believed the Secret Service was involved but never fully explained how and why).

Anyway, that is Dave for you and so far he is the only one who's attacked my position. Whether Rose, the publisher of "Fourth Decade" will publish letters in the next issue pro or con - I do not know. But, as you know, Rose is a staunch supporter of the alteration thesis (most likely in all its myriad forms).

Finally, there is the long article (almost as long as my 9-page "I Led One Life") by Gary Aguilar. It is his thesis of questioning the authenticity of the autopsy photos plus his comments on the alleged "magic bullet."

By the way, I should note that Gary has not spoken with me since he last called me and bewilderingly questioned me as to whether "I was with the FBI!" Perhaps Gary still believes this but I do find his not calling out of character based on my relationship with him prior to his bizarre claim against me. (I'll be sending him my Lanen article & then see how he reacts!).

David Wrone wrote and told me of the trouble he's been having with Michael Kurtz receiving his (Wrone's) proposed book on the Z-film. Kurtz - the expert! What have we come to?!

Hope the weather's getting better and an early spring for you and your wife.

Best,
Hal